

# GREENBELT News Review

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## Seasonal Festivities Continue in City

Santa's almost here. Bring children pre-school age and older to the Youth Center on Saturday, December 17 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Children can have a picture taken with Santa and the visit will be professionally recorded for all who bring a VHS tape. The Greenbelt Elementary School fifth-grade chorus will entertain and there will be lots of activities to occupy waiting time. This event is free.

### Seasonal Music

From 1 to 3 p.m. on Friday, December 16 "The Fleastompers" present a free musical interlude for all ages in the Community Center gym. On Sunday, December 18 at 3 p.m., also in the Community Center gym, the Greenbelt Concert Band presents a free concert of seasonal favorites for the whole family. Sunday evening, the public is invited to a free musical celebration of Christmas beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Church. For information call Muriel Balzer 301-345-9064 or see [www.musicamongstfriends.com](http://www.musicamongstfriends.com).

### New Year Events

Plan now to spend New Year's Eve and New Year's Day enjoying family events sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department and the Greenbelt New Year Committee.

Say good-bye to the old year at the alcohol-free celebration featuring entertainment for all ages in several venues in the heart of historic Greenbelt. The fun begins at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale through 4:30 p.m. on December 30 at the Co-op Supermarket, the Community Center and the Youth Center. Tickets will also be available at the event.

New Year fun begins with an Artful Afternoon on Sunday, January 1, 2006. Join Artist-in-residence Pam Hagerhorst at the Community Center from 1 to 5 p.m. for fun with family and friends.

### Ongoing

Greenbelt Museum is decorated with holiday items from the 1930s and 1940s. Visit this historic Greenbelt house any Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. at 10-B Crescent Road. There is a small fee. Open to all ages.

While enjoying activities in the Community Center, stop by the Art Gallery to see "The Creation Game: Paintings by Donna Marshall" and at the Greenbelt Museum exhibit see "Living the Healthy Life: Sports, Health and Fitness in the New Deal Era." These exhibits are free and open to all ages Mondays through Saturdays 9 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. and Sundays 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

## Recollections on My First Week as the City's Manager

by James Giese

It was the week before Christmas 43 years ago that I first arrived in Greenbelt as its fourth city manager. A week earlier I had been offered the job and accepted. I proposed starting after the first of the year but Mayor Francis White and Councilmember Dave Champion, who had flown to Illinois to interview my references and then offered the job to me, insisted that I start right away as they felt my presence was sorely needed. (It wasn't.) As a then unemployed bachelor I was pretty flexible. Still I had to arrange to have my things moved and find a place in Greenbelt in which to put them.

The deal worked out was that I would start work on Monday, December 19, stay a week, then go back to the Midwest for Christmas and New Year's and return on January 2. Not bad to get a week's paid vacation after working only a week.

I arrived in Greenbelt on Sunday and arranged for a room at a motel in College Park. (The motel is still there but now part of a chain and greatly enlarged

so as to be unrecognizable as to what it once was.) That afternoon, the council arranged a reception for me at the Greenbelt Youth Center with key city employees. All the department heads were there: Superintendent of Public Works Albert S. "Buddy" Attick, City Treasurer Mabel Kandler, Acting Police Chief Marshall "Bud" Zoellner and Recreation Superintendent James Wooldridge. Buddy Attick and Mabel Kandler had been serving as co-managers during the interim since Charles T. McDonald had retired as city manager. It was agreed that first thing Monday Buddy would give me a tour of the city and a chance to meet the rest of the employees.

Before I came to Greenbelt, I was not aware that the city council was divided on many issues. The town was particularly divided over what to do about replacing Jim Williams as police chief. He had taken a job in the Southwest. As one of his last acts, "Mr." McDonald (few addressed him

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## Legion Honors Survivors Of Pearl Harbor Attack

by Carol Griffith

"When I later went to look at the ship, I was horrified to see that bombs had hit the same spot in which I had been sitting and eating earlier." This was part of the riveting keynote address given by Winfield J. Lewis, a World War II veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor, at Greenbelt American Legion Post #136's "Special Honor to WWII Pearl Harbor Survivors" tribute. The program was part of their National Security/Foreign Relations (NSFR) and Homeland Security (HS) Forum held at the Post on December 7. This day marked the 64th anniversary of the Japanese attack on the base at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, on December 7, 1941.

Lewis, who recently moved to Catonsville from New York to be closer to family, began his speech by thanking the American Legion for inviting him. He told of being assigned to the USS Pennsylvania, which was in drydock at Pearl Harbor on the day it was attacked in 1941. He said it was a "gorgeous Sunday morning" as he stood outside when the flag was raised. Then he noticed loud noises and clouds of black smoke and shortly thereafter a plane flew directly overhead with the Japanese symbol on it.

Lewis went to his battle station and there first heard of the attack. During a lull he went on deck to sit and eat but was soon



PHOTO BY KATHY LINKENHOKER

**Winfield J. Lewis, a World War II veteran and Pearl Harbor survivor, spoke of his experiences at Greenbelt American Legion Post #136.**

sent on a detail away from the ship. When he returned he was "shocked to death" to see that the Pennsylvania had been hit and he was "very upset" that the ship had suffered 30 to 40 casualties. Lewis remained with the ship for about a month until it was sent to San Francisco. He was discharged from the Navy in 1945. Lewis has since returned twice to Pearl Harbor, once participating in a ceremony commemorating the 40th anniversary of the attack. Following his speech, he was presented with a plaque and certificate of appreciation for serving as keynote speaker by Department Commander Philip

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## In Greenhills, a Village Redevelops Itself



**Greenhills Municipal Manager David Moore on the second-story porch of one of four new single-family homes on Drummond Street. More new housing is in the works.**

## Aging Inner Suburb Builds New, Upscale Homes

*(This article is reprinted with permission from the August 12, 2005, issue of "The Cincinnati Enquirer.")*  
by Steve Kemme, Enquirer Staff Writer

**GREENHILLS** – From his front porch, Tom Barth likes what he sees.

Across the street, four new houses sporting big front porches and carriage houses in back sit where old, deteriorating, termite-infested apartment buildings once were. The new houses – one has already sold – are priced from \$250,000 to \$322,000.

"It's a big improvement," says Barth, who has lived on Damon Road for 31 years. "We're tickled to death with the aesthetics."

These four houses, built by Potterhill Homes of Milford, are a milestone for Greenhills and may inspire other older communities struggling to attract residents.

Greenhills, one of the original three planned greenbelt communities in the United States, has embarked on a unique initiative to improve its housing.

Tired of waiting for developers to come to the rescue, Greenhills decided to take the unusual step of becoming its own developer.

The four homes are the first to be built in Greenhills' innovative redevelopment program. Potterhill Homes will build 12 more in the development, called DeWitt Landing. They'll be priced in the low \$200,000 range.

"We feel this is a great opportunity to redevelop and reinvent Greenhills the way it was intended to be," Mayor Oscar Hoffman said.

A few years ago, Greenhills, a village of about 4,000 residents, wrestled with a dilemma a lot of Hamilton County's older suburban communities face.

Much of its older housing stock had become deteriorating rental property, and it had no large vacant tracts for new housing. Private developers showed little inclination to buy the run-down houses and improve them.

"We were losing residents to Butler and Clermont coun-

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## What Goes On

**Friday, December 16,**

**1 to 3 p.m.,** "The Fleastompers" Concert, Community Center Gym

**Saturday, December 17**

**10:30 to noon,** Santa's Visit (for preschool and up), Youth Center  
**12:30 to 2:30,** Lunch with Santa (ages 5 to 8), Youth Center  
Greenbelt Post Office – Open till 5 p.m.

**Sunday, December 18**

**3 p.m.,** Holiday Lights Concert by Greenbelt Concert Band, Community Center Gym

**7:30 p.m.,** "Music Amongst Friends" Concert, Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads

**Wednesday, December 21**

**8 p.m.,** Council Worksession re: Briefing on Plans for Greenbelt Station South Core, Greenbelt Community Center



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ties because we didn’t have any new homes,” said Municipal Manager David Moore.

So Greenhills bought clusters of run-down multifamily homes, rehabbed them and either rented or sold them. It tore down the ones that were too dilapidated to rehab.

Greenhills has spent \$3.6 million so far on buying houses and rehabbing or tearing them down. The village has financed this redevelopment program through borrowed money and a \$1 million bond issue that Greenhills voters approved last November.

Property sales have generated more than \$800,000 for the village so far. That money was reinvested in acquiring and rehabbing more property. Rent money is used for maintaining buildings, tearing down and rehabbing buildings and paying for village employee costs.

“I had some questions about it at first,” Barth said, “because it’s a lot of money for the village to put out. But it seems like a win-win for everybody.”

### Paying for itself

The income from rent and new tax revenues will more than pay the village’s costs, Hoffmann said.

“We haven’t put ourselves in harm’s way” he said. “We’ve been successful so far.”

Greenhills has bought 25 multi-family buildings and one single-family home for a total of 110 housing units. It will buy more as money allows and property becomes available.

Tom Moeller, Madeira city manager and chairman of a consortium of Hamilton County’s older suburban communities, said a few communities have used the same redevelopment strategy Greenhills has, but none have done it on as large a scale.

“It’s an idea that can help redevelop and revitalize a residential area,” Moeller said. “If you can amass a lot of property and turn it into a large-scale project, it certainly makes sense.”

Greenhills has the advantage of being surrounded by Winton Woods and having an abundance of parks and green space.

In fact, Greenhills was one of three greenbelt communities the federal government created in the 1930s.

“It’s a beautiful community, with the greenbelt all around it,” said Carolyn Rolfes, president of Potterhill Homes, which was one of three developers to bid for the project.

She has strong emotional ties to Greenhills. Her grandparents were among the first residents of Greenhills, and her father grew up there.

“It’s neat that Greenhills is taking the initiative to redevelop their own community,” Rolfes said.

The area that Greenhills has targeted for rehab is a section the federal government built more cheaply than others. Over the years, some neglectful landlords accelerated the deterioration of this housing, which resembles military barracks, Moore said.

Of 296 housing units in the more cheaply built federal housing, only 26 are owner-occupied, he said.

Greenhills’ redevelopment plan isn’t designed to replace old houses with new \$1 million mansions. The village wants to create a mix of housing that appeals to young families as well as empty-nesters and the elderly.

Hoffmann lives in the federally built house he grew up in. He has one of the few owner-occupied homes in his neighborhood.

“We’re trying to reverse the trend of people moving in and out every two years and watching the property decline,” Hoffman said.

“We’re all interested in improving Greenhills and maintaining the kind of community we grew up in.”

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## Greenbelt Communities

In the last half of the 1930s, the federal government decided to build three experimental greenbelt communities as a contrast to the urban environments many Americans were living in and to create jobs.

Greenhills was one of those three communities. The other two were Greenbelt, Md., and Greendale, Wis. Greenhills officials say their community is the only one of the three that has retained its complete greenbelt. The village is surrounded by Winton Woods.

## A 1985 Visit To Greenhills

*In 1985 a group of Greenbelters including then-Mayor Gil Weidenfeld and then-City Manager Jim Giese, visited Greenhills, one of the other planned communities built during the Franklin Roosevelt administration. Below are some excerpts of the story of that trip from the December 19, 1985, issue of the News Review:*

Eager to see their sister city, 13 Greenbelters traveled to Greenhills, Ohio, Sunday afternoon, November 17 following their two-day participation in the All-America Cities competition. Greenhills lies five miles north of Cincinnati, just inside the beltway.

First, one has to imagine Greenbelt as just the Greenbelt Homes community – no Boxwood or University Square, no Springhill Lake or Greenbelt East, in order to visualize the size of Greenhills. “You can stand on the highway and see the whole town,” exclaimed Mayor Gil Weidenfeld.

Greenhills, with a population of less than 5,000 . . . [has] only one commercial establishment outside of the neighborhood shopping center,” said Weidenfeld.

The houses are very similar in appearance to those in Greenbelt – that is, those that are still in or close to their original form. But here is one of the most striking differences. Substantial and varied modifications have been made over the years. New fronts, gable roofs (originals were almost all flat), porches, windows, additions and siding have changed a much larger number of the homes than has been the case here. “Our housing,” says Greenbelt’s City Manager James K. Giese, “is purer 1937 in spite of rehab.”

The reason for the wide variations in the houses is the individual ownership of the units. Thus one row of four units may be held by one to four separate owners. Absentee landlords have sometimes been a problem, says [Town Administrator David] Moore. “We can’t evict for unsightliness, only for health and safety,” he explained.

As in Greenbelt, the smaller units attract smaller families who later move up to larger homes within the community.

The first newer housing was built during the late 40s – square, one-story, brick units, with basements just slightly larger than the original homes. The last group was added in the late 60s and is similar to Boxwood or new Lakeside houses, except for the price. They are selling for \$80,000 to \$90,000.

## Local Constituents Petition Rep. Hoyer

Local members of the grassroots organization MoveOn.org Political Action urged Representative Steny Hoyer to support an Iraq exit strategy with an “Out in ’06” petition delivered to his Greenbelt office.

This national campaign comes as political parties in Iraq, some Republicans and many Democrats in Congress support an exit strategy with a timeline.

Among the MoveOn.org members, Green-belter Ruth Kastner chided Hoyer for continuing to support the President. “More than 600 constituents” she said, “signed a petition to urge him to support an exit strategy.”

## Grin Belt



"Nice rehearsal . . . Now let's head over to the Community Center . . . our concert starts in 5 minutes."

## County Animal Shelter Needs Cloth Bedding

GHI’s Companion Animal Committee is seeking old blankets, towels and comforters for homeless animals housed at the county Animal Management Division’s shelter. The committee has learned the facility is very low on bedding. Donations will help keep animals warm and off the concrete floor while they await adoption.

Last week’s plea resulted in some donations but more are needed.

Items can be dropped off at the shelter, located at 8311 D’Arcy Road in Forestville, on Monday, Tuesday, Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Wednesday from 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. The shelter is closed Thursday and Sunday. Donations may also be left at the GHI office and will be delivered to the shelter by members of the Companion Animal Committee.

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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## HOLIDAY GREETINGS

Each year the News Review publishes Holiday Greetings from area residents. To place your own message, contact the Ad Desk at 301-474-4131. Greetings are scheduled to be printed in the December 22 issue of the newspaper. The deadline is Monday, December 19 at 10 p.m.



# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. the day before participants are planning to eat to assure sufficient quantities of food are ordered. Call 301-397-2008, ext. 4125 for information about the program and to make reservations.

Meals are served beginning at noon. All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and one percent milk. Menus for the week of December 19 through 23 include:

Monday – Split pea soup with crackers, meatloaf with parsley gravy, whole boiled potatoes, brussels sprouts, whole fresh orange.

Tuesday – Grape juice, oven fried fish with tartar sauce, home fried potatoes, chopped spinach, canned peaches.

Wednesday – Egg nog, London broil with mushroom gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans with almonds, Caesar salad with dressing, cherry pie.

Thursday – Orange juice, Polish sausage on a bun with mustard, sauerkraut, au gratin potatoes, green beans, purple plums.

Friday – Cranapple juice, vegetable lasagna, sliced carrots, broccoli, pineapple tidbits.

## Christmas Concert By Greenbelt Band

The Greenbelt Concert Band will present its annual Holiday Lights Concert on Sunday, December 18 at 3 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center gym. There is no admission and all are invited to join in.

With Tom Cherrix conducting, the program will include many favorites including Santa reciting “’Twas the Night Before Christmas.” Also highlighted will be Chanukah songs such as “I Had a Little Dreidl” as well as classical and traditional Christmas pieces. To balance the holiday music, the band will perform a Marvin Hamlisch showcase including “They’re Playing My Song” and “What I Did for Love.”

No holiday concert is complete without Irving Berlin’s “White Christmas.” Come hear the Greenbelt Concert Band’s rendition of this perennial favorite. For more information call Tom Cherrix at 301-552-1444.

## Semifinalists Named For Scholarships

Letitia A. Cosbert, Kyle G. Daniels, Alima M. Kamara and Johari A. Malik, Roosevelt students, have been named semifinalists in the 2006 National Achievement Scholarship Program. They now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for approximately 800 Achievement Scholarship Awards, totaling some \$2.5 million, to be awarded in April.

This year marks the 42nd annual academic competition for African American high school students. The semifinalists must advance to the finalist level by fulfilling several requirements, including presenting a record of high academic performance throughout high school, a recommendation from the school principal and a self-descriptive essay.

## Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

’Tis the season to be jolly and enjoy friends and good fellowship. This past year the Golden Age Club has enjoyed some great trips, pot luck luncheons, learned some new games and of course played bingo. The Wednesday meetings at the Community Center have been enjoyed by everyone and we have welcomed some new members.

Ellie Rimar, past president, has volunteered to chair the Activities Committee next year and would welcome suggestions for activities and speakers.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Geiger family in the loss of Mary, beloved wife and mother.

The holiday luncheon will take place on December 21. No meeting is scheduled for December 28. New officers will be installed at the first meeting in January.

Wishing everyone a joyous and healthy holiday and looking forward to a great year for the Golden Age Club.

## At the Library

Tuesday, December 20, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, December 21, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, December 22, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5, limit 20 children.

## New Year’s Eve Volunteers Meeting

Volunteers providing supervision and security at the Community Center for the Greenbelt New Year’s Eve celebration will meet on Thursday, December 29 at 7 p.m. in the Community Center multi-purpose room to review policies and procedures. Volunteers receive free admission and an “Event Staff” T-shirt. Those interested in helping are asked to call Patti Brothers at 301-910-0050 or Jim Marley at 301-552-1288.

## Best of Greenbelt Show at New Deal

On Sunday, December 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a reception for the “Best of Greenbelt Art Show” artists exhibiting their work in the current show at the New Deal Café in Roosevelt Center. This is the annual group show featuring works in a variety of media by Greenbelt artists.

Twenty-eight artists are represented, some of whom have never shown locally before. The reception offers the public the opportunity to meet and mingle with local artists and view art that can be purchased right off the wall. All the works are for sale.

Watch for upcoming shows in the new year with works by Gary Bumbalough and Craig Felder. The monthly art shows at the New Deal Café are sponsored in part by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts with support from grants from Prince George’s County and the Prince George’s Arts Council.

## “Project Heat Up” Offers Heating Help

Due to projected heating cost increases the state Office of Home Energy Programs has instituted a new program to help pay heating costs for some people whose income is above the eligibility limits for the low-income Maryland Energy Assistance Program (MEAP, also administered by the Office of Energy Programs). This specially funded program will operate from January 15 through March 31; whether or not the program will be in effect in the future is unknown at this time. Applicants will use the same application form for Project Heat Up used for MEAP and Electric Universal Service Program. Those who want to apply are asked to call Community Resource Advocate Christal Parker Batey at 301-474-8000 ext. 2012.

Maximum monthly income eligibility guidelines for the program are established according to household size: for an individual, gross income may not exceed \$1,395.63. That base amount is adjusted for each additional household member by adding \$475.42. There is no asset test. Additional information can be reviewed online at <http://www.dhr.state.md.us/meap>.

## Free Babysitting Class at CARES

Greenbelt CARES will offer the winter session of its babysitting course on Wednesday, December 28 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the conference room of the Municipal Building.

The free course is targeted to teach students in grades 5 through 8 safety and responsibility in babysitting. Each student will receive a packet of materials to bring home.

Parents and students wanting additional information or to enroll should call Greenbelt CARES Youth and Family Services Bureau, 301-345-6660, ext. 2016. The Municipal Building is located at 25 Crescent Road.

## Post Office Open Until 5 on Saturday

Because of the holiday season the Greenbelt Post Office will increase its hours on Saturday, December 17 until 5 p.m.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF DEC. 16

THE SQUID AND THE WHALE (R)

No frequent movie goers coupons or passes.

Friday

\*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Saturday

\*3:30, \*5:30, 7:30, 9:30

Sunday

\*3:30, \*5:30, 7:30

Monday – Thursday

\*5:30, 7:30

\*These shows at \$5.00

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Look Out Reindeer!



Pepper dons her glittery Santa hat for a joyful ride.

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On Screen

Family Tangle

In “The Squid and the Whale,” at Old Greenbelt Theatre December 16 through 22, a 16-year-old son and his 12-year-old brother play out parental excesses when mother and father seek an amiable divorce. Set in an agreeable, highbrow enclave in 1986, the film is named for a battling diorama in Manhattan’s Museum of Natural History across the river from the family’s home in Brooklyn. Director Noah Baumbach, drawing on his own family history, shows a strong satirical bent along with an incisive eye. Carrying the complex day of mixed-up emotions are Jeff Daniels and Laura Linney as the couple, Jesse Eisenberg and Owen Kline as their sons and, cross-hatched with the parents, Anna Paquin as a student and William Baldwin as a tennis pro. Rated R, due to sexual byplay and profanity. 81 minutes.

– Eli Flam

(Scheduled for December 23 and a run of several weeks is “Memoirs of a Geisha.”)

## Co-op Vouchers Are In the Mail

Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative, Inc. mailed out the annual patronage vouchers this week to all members of record. The vouchers represent 50 percent of the patronage refund approved by the Co-op’s board of directors. The remaining 50 percent will be deposited in the member’s capital account.

Vouchers can be used to make purchases at the Co-op or exchanged for a check. Members who do not have \$100 in

their member capital account and thus are not yet voting members of the cooperative may credit their voucher to their account.

Patronage refunds are determined annually, based on the Co-op’s year-end surplus and the member’s patronage during the previous fiscal year. Members who have any questions about their vouchers or anyone who does not receive an expected voucher may contact the membership office in the store.

Craft & Gift Fair

Saturday, Dec. 17 10 – 2

Handmade Crafts, Gifts,  
Jewelry, Scarves, Beauty Products

A Silent Auction

Bake Sale Lunch Refreshments

Berwyn Presbyterian Church

6501 Greenbelt Road

Music Amongst Friends presents

“A Celebration of Christmas”

Sunday, Dec. 18 7:30 p.m.

Greenbelt Community Church

Muriel Balzer – Piano

Gina Moore – Soprano

James Moore – Baritone

Selections from the “Messiah” woven with traditional carols

FREE



### In Memoriam Mary Geiger

If we cherish goodness and seek to invoke it regularly, we learn to look for it and recognize it in others. Occasionally, a person embodies it so overwhelmingly that it cannot be mistaken for anything else.

Such a person was Mary Geiger. Her aura completely illuminated both her and those she touched, so that when you encountered her you always came away better for the visit. She found others to be special, perhaps not realizing how exceptional she was herself. She bathed us with her approval, which was really so easily earned, and withheld criticism and judgment except as it could be cited jokingly.

I was fortunate to know Mary, certainly not as well as many of you but enough to know that hatred and intolerance ran hiding when she approached. If you saw her love and kindness, you saw the face of God. We can keep her memory by exhibiting these traits ourselves. I will think of her every time I hear the words "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life . . . ." Surely they did, Mary, and will follow your family and the many whose lives you touched who choose to act accordingly.

— Rick Ransom

### “Joy to the World,” Free Creche Exhibit

Nativity scenes from more than 50 countries are on exhibit at the museums at the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center through January 30.

This year’s “Joy to the World” exhibit includes about 150 nativities from the collection of James Govan and his late wife Emilia. The Govans began collecting the nativities in 1970 as a reflection of their faith, a special interest in folk art and their extensive travels. Most of the creche scenes are handcrafted and are made from diverse materials such as corn husks, cloth, metal, wood and clay.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Sunday noon to 5 p.m. Admission to the Center at 3900 Harewood Rd. NE, Washington, D.C., is by donation; parking is free. For more information call 202-635-5400 or visit [www.jp2cc.org](http://www.jp2cc.org).



### Catholic Community of Greenbelt MASS

Sundays 10 A.M.  
Municipal Building

### Baha'i Faith

"O Friend!  
In the garden of thy heart,  
plant naught but the rose of love."  
— Baha'u'llah

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## Community Church Holds Sunday Night Christmas Concert

On Sunday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m. Greenbelt Community Church will feature a Christmas concert by “Music Amongst Friends,” a small classical ensemble dedicated to the high vocal arts. The program will include classics, carols and popular standards by world-class performers. Among these are the nationally recognized performers – pianist Muriel Bennett Balzer, soprano Gina Vikari Moore and baritone James K. Moore.

### Muriel Balzer

Balzer received a master’s degree in piano performance from the Peabody Conservatory of Music, Johns Hopkins University, where she studied with pianist Ann Schein, following a bachelor of music degree from Howard University with pianist Raymond Jackson. Earlier she studied in Turkey. She has coached opera and art song at The Teilart Center for Singing Synthesis with its Director Dr. Veronica Tyler.

Balzer has done extensive solo, chamber and accompanying work throughout the United States. For many years she was accompanist for international opera star Veronica Tyler. Balzer has been heard in concert halls throughout the country including Carnegie Hall and the Kennedy Center. She is the founder of and artistic director for “Music Amongst Friends” and a

Greenbelt resident.

### Gina Vikari Moore

Gina Vikari Moore, soprano, originally hails from the Seattle area where she was a winner in the Seattle Civic Opera Auditions and appeared in Seattle Opera’s “Don Carlos.” While living in Germany she performed in recital and concert appearances throughout Europe. She has pursued both the opera and musical theater stages and has performed “Cosi fan Tutte,” “Fidelio” and “Don Giovanni.” She also played the roles of Laurie in “Oklahoma!” and Elsa Schrader and Sister Berthe in “The Sound of Music.” In 2003 she was a nationally chosen participant in the American Singer’s Opera Project in New York City.

### James Moore

James K. Moore is a winner of seven major vocal competitions, including the Northwest Regional Metropolitan Opera Auditions, the San Francisco Opera Auditions, the Northwest Young Artist Series Auditions and the California Young Artist Competition. He has performed in Europe and the United States as both baritone and tenor and has also sung in Japan. His vibrant timbre has been heard in such performances as Siegmund in “Die Walküre,” Ford in “Falstaff,” the title role in “Rigoletto” and Count di Luna in “Il Trovatore.” Included in

Moore’s credits are performances as soloist with over 25 leading conductors and orchestras, including the Seattle Symphony and the Erie Philharmonic Orchestra.

Especially noted for his 20th Century music interpretation, Moore was chosen to portray Bob Cratchit in the world premiere of composer Stephen Tosch’s “A Christmas Carol.” A versatile actor, Moore is equally at home performing musical theater and has logged over 500 such performances as Billy in “Carousel,” Curly in “Oklahoma!,” Emil in “South Pacific” and Captain von Trapp in “The Sound of Music.” Moore earned a doctor of musical arts degree in vocal performance from the University of Washington and is currently assistant professor of voice at Howard University.

### Rose Haber

Longtime Greenbelt resident Rose Haber, 87, died on Tuesday, December 13, 2005, at Sunrise of Silver Spring where she had been living.

A funeral will be held on Friday, December 16 at 11 a.m. at Mishkan Torah Synagogue, Ridge Road and Westway.



Condolenses to the family of Rose Haber who died Tuesday, December 13, 2005.

Congratulations to Noah Desch, son of Michael and Theresa Desch of Lakeside Drive, who was named to the Dean’s List for the fall quarter at Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Ind. Noah, a junior, is majoring in computer engineering.

Congratulations to newly-appointed Recreation Supervisor Greg Varda and his wife Tracy on the November 22, 2005, birth of their daughter, Grace Dorothy Varda. Grace joins a big brother, two-year old Nick.

The Greenbelt Police Department announced that as of December 4 all four of the department’s canines have been certified by the United States Police Canine Association, Region Three. They received certification in all three skill categories – Police Dog 1, Police Dog 2/Tracking and Detection – referred to as the “Triple Crown.” Congratulations to Corporal Robert Musterman and K-9 Cigo, Master Police Officer Barry Byers and K-9 Rex, Master Police Officer Mike Dewey and K-9 Duke and Master Police Officer Marvin Marks and K-9 Baron.

### Mowatt Memorial United Methodist Church



40 Ridge Road, Greenbelt

[www.greenbeltumc.org](http://www.greenbeltumc.org) 301-474-9410

Rev. Dr. Paul C. Kim, Pastor

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Prayer Meeting Wed. 6:45 pm

Crossways Bible Study Tues. 7:30 pm Thurs. 10:30 am

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Sundays:	8:00 am	Simple, quiet Mass
	9:00 am	Christian education for all ages
	10:00 am	Sung Mass with organ and folk music, ASL interpreted
	1:30 pm	Signed Mass (last Sunday of each month only)
Wednesdays:	7:00 pm	Simple, quiet Mass

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Corner of Crescent and Greenhill Roads 301-474-4212

[www.greenbeltbaptist.org](http://www.greenbeltbaptist.org) [greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net](mailto:greenbelt.baptist@verizon.net)

Dr. Mark Johnson, Pastor



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## Greenbelt Community Church

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[www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/](http://www.greenbelt.com/gccucc/)

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### Christmas and New Year's Schedule

#### Confessions

December 19 and 20  
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

#### Masses

Children's Mass - Saturday, December 24 - 5:00 p.m.

Midnight Mass - Sunday, December 25 - 12:00 a.m.  
(Lessons and Carols begin at 11:30 p.m.)

Christmas Day Mass - Sunday, December 25 - 10:00 a.m.

#### Saturday, December 31

New Year's Vigil - 5:00 p.m.

#### Sunday, January 1 – New Year's Day

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God  
8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:00 a.m.

Pastor: Fr. Walter J. Tappe  
Pastoral Associate: Fr. R. Scott Hurd



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**Patriots**

The program had opened with a prayer, presentation of colors and recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a ceremony to recognize as “honored patriots” all POWs, MIAs and the victims of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. The touching ceremony ended with “Let us remember – and never forget their sacrifice. May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.”

Past National Commander and current Chairman of the Department (State of Maryland) NSFR and HS Commission, Clarence Bacon conducted the program. He recognized many honored guests including Boy Scout Troop 257 of College Park, which has several Eagle Scout candidates, and Jim Carothers, a member of Post #217 in College Park, who was aboard a battleship near the USS Missouri at the time of the Japanese surrender which ended World War II in the Pacific.

Also in attendance as part of the approximately 200 guests was Post #136 Commander John Osterfield and members of the American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of the American Legion. Osterfield read a Proclamation issued by President Bush on December 7 recognizing the more than 2,400 lives lost in the war against “two ruthless regimes” and commemorating the “honor, bravery and integrity” of those who fought in World War II.

Bacon acknowledged the efforts of Ric Santos, Greenbelt resident and member of Post #136, who had become National Commander of the American Legion shortly before September 11, 2001.

Following the events of that day, Santos had called together the leadership of the American Legion to map out the group’s position and plan, much of which remains in effect today as American Legion Resolution 169: The War on Terrorism. Bacon noted that the American Legion is the only veterans’ organization that works to support President Bush and his administration as they are engaged in the global war on terrorism and that the Department of Maryland is the most recognized of the 55 departments for efforts in the area of national security, foreign relations and homeland security.

## Children Make Wrapping Paper

On Sunday, December 18 at 2 p.m. a free arts drop-in program for children ages 3 to 8 will be sponsored by the College Park Arts Exchange. Children will be led by arts instructor Aaron Springer in an imaginative and creative free-form arts afternoon making holiday wrapping paper. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

The arts drop-in program is held at the Old Parish House on the corner of Knox and Dartmouth in College Park. Call 301-927-3012 or email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) with any questions and visit [www.cpae.org](http://www.cpae.org) for complete program details.



# City Information

## GREENBELT AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER Winter Session Adult and Children’s Classes Session Dates: January 2 thru February 25

**Passholders & Residents register:** December 19 & 20  
**Open registration for Adult classes:**  
December 21 until classes fill  
**Open registration for Children’s Lessons:**  
December 21 until January 6 at 2:00pm


## Greenbelt CARES is offering a free BABYSITTING COURSE WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2005 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road 1st Floor Conference Room

The course is free, targeted toward students currently in grades 5-8. Students will learn responsibility and health and safety issues of taking care of children, as well as learning about poison control and fire prevention. Students who complete the course will receive a certificate of completion and be eligible to participate in Greenbelt CARES **ODD JOBS/JOB BANK program**.  
*For additional information and enrollment, call 301-345-6660, ext. 2016*

**CITY OF GREENBELT JOB OPENINGS**  
**OFFICE ASSISTANT II** - \$24,003/yr. M-F, 8:30-5. Assist Planning & Community Development Office w/variety of clerical/support services. H.S. Diploma/GED; min. 2 yrs responsible experience in administrative support work w/good typing & word processing ability; ability to operate modern office equipment; ability to follow oral and/or written instructions; ability to communicate effectively w/the public and other department personnel.  
**MAINTENANCE WORKER III** - \$25,896/yr. M-F, 7:30-4. Operate variety of vehicles, machines & equipment; ability to understand oral and/or written instructions; perform heavy manual labor for extended periods, often under adverse weather conditions; min. 4 yrs experience as semi-skilled laborer w/verified references; valid MD Class “B” CDL w/good driving record.  
**PART-TIME ART STUDIO MANAGER:** Ensures the safe use and smooth functioning of all teaching studios at the Greenbelt Community Center. These include two ceramics studios, a kiln room, a dark-room, and two fine arts classrooms. Artists and arts educators with studio management experience are encouraged to apply. Required skills include mixing ceramic glazes and operating electric kilns. The position is 15 hours per week and pays \$12.00 per hour. (Additional hours may be available at a higher pay rate for candidates who also wish to teach children’s or adult classes in any fine art or fine craft medium.) A complete job description and additional information are available by contacting Nicole DeWald, Arts Supervisor, at 240-542-2057 or [ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov). Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the City’s arts programs by visiting [www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/arts). Completed applications are requested as early as possible and no later than December 31, 2005. Direct all completed applications to: the Greenbelt Community Center, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD, 20770, Attn: Nicole DeWald, RE: Arts Studio Manager. Resumes may be enclosed with an application. This position will be open until filled.  
Applications for all the above positions can be downloaded at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov). Apply (unless otherwise noted) to: City of Greenbelt, 25 Crescent Road – call job line 301-474-1872 or visit [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov) to download required application. EOE

## FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Join your family, friends and neighbors in celebrating the holiday season through the many events that make up Greenbelt’s “Festival of Lights.” See the full schedule at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov)  
**SANTA CLAUS IS COMING TO TOWN!**

**Santa’s Visit**  
**Saturday 12/17, from 10:30am to 12:00pm, Youth Center**  
**Preschool and up / FREE**  
Santa has fit a visit to Greenbelt into his busy holiday schedule! All children will receive a picture with Santa. Plenty of activities to take part in while you wait. Bring a VHS tape and have your visit professionally taped. The Greenbelt Elementary School 5th Grade Chorus will entertain you as you wait.

**Lunch with Santa**  
**Saturday 12/17, from 12:30pm to 2:30pm, Youth Center Multi Purpose Room**  
**Ages 5 to 8/ \$10.00 per child**  
Creative kids will enjoy this craft room, offering a variety of holiday activities, lunch and a quick visit with Santa. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday December 14.

**Holiday Musical Interlude featuring The Fleastompers**  
**Friday, 12/16, from 1:00pm-3:00pm**  
**Community Center Gym**  
**All ages—FREE**

**Holiday Lights Concert**  
**Sunday 12/18, beginning at 3:00pm**  
**Community Center Gym**  
**Open to all ages / FREE**  
Featuring the Greenbelt Concert Band playing a selection of seasonal favorites.



**MEETINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 19-23**  
  
**Wednesday, December 21 at 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION, re: Briefing on plans for Greenbelt Station South Core, Greenbelt Community Center.**

**LEAF COLLECTION**  
Public Works will collect loose leaves with the leaf vacuum through January 20, 2006. Residents should rake leaves to the curb, but not onto the street. Make sure to remove all sticks and stones from the piles as these can damage the machinery. Areas will be posted prior to collection. The schedule for the next few weeks is as follows:  
**December 19-23:** Woodland Hills, Greenbrook Village  
**December 26-30:** Lakewood, Greenspring I & II  
**January 2-6:** Lakeside, Windsor Green

Holiday Hours: Greenbelt Recreation Facilities			
	GCC	GAFC	YC/SHLRC
December 24	9am - 5pm	8am-5pm	12- 5pm
December 25	12-4pm	12-4pm	12-4pm
December 31	9am-1pm	8am-5pm	12- 5pm
January 1	12-4pm	12-5pm	12-5pm
GCC - Greenbelt Community Center, GAFC - Greenbelt Aquatics and Fitness Center, YC - Youth Center SHLRC - Springhill Lake Recreation Center			

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**Greenbelt Community Center Dance Studio**  
**Monday Nights, January 9 through March 13, 2006 (10 weeks)**  
Three courses to choose from: Course no. 154203-1 Cha-Cha and Rumba (7 to 8 pm)  
Course no. 154203-2 Swing and Argentine Tango (8 to 9 pm), Course no. 154203-3 Salsa and Waltz (9 to 10 pm)  
➔For help choosing a course, ask Frank at 301-441-8913 or [f50solomon@yahoo.com](mailto:f50solomon@yahoo.com)  
Fee per course: \$55 per person for Greenbelt residents \$65 per person for non-Greenbelt residents  
(No drop-ins or single classes) Register in person or by mail at  
Greenbelt Community Center 15 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-397-2208  
**WANT A PREVIEW? Drop by the Mad Hot Ballroom for mini-lessons with Frank during GREENBELT NEW YEAR**



# RECOLLECTIONS continued from page 1

or his predecessors in other than a formal manner) had appointed Zoellner as chief. Three members of council objected. While council had no say in the selection, White did ask the city solicitor whether the appointment was legal. Ed Smith, who a year later would be elected mayor of Greenbelt, ruled as city solicitor that Zoellner did not meet the qualifications set by the council for the position of chief in that he lacked a high school diploma. This left the city with no manager in charge and a police department without a leader.

As a result of a controversial meeting, the council agreed to the compromise appointment of Attick and Kandler as co-managers. They were then directed to put their heads together and appoint an acting police chief. However, the two could not agree and reached a stalemate. Attick broke the impasse by announcing to the council that Zoellner would serve as acting chief, squelching any objection by Kandler. At that time, the city police force, which provided around-the-clock service had an authorized strength of six, with two positions vacant.

The police chief vacancy was only one of a number of issues dividing the council and community at that time. I would devote much of my early days in Greenbelt trying to resolve them satisfactorily. However, in spite of this, the city government was functioning reasonably well and it was not necessary for me to take immediate action.

### A Concert

Following the reception, the mayor invited me to his house for a family dinner and to then attend a choir concert at Greenbelt Community Church. At that time, there was little city activity relating to the holidays. There was no decorated tree in the center nor light poles wrapped with decorations. The center merchants did nothing to decorate their stores and there was no festival of lights. Nor were many homes decorated with lights as is now the case. The Christmas concert at the church, however, was one recognition of the holiday season and the church was well attended. I remember that when we left the church, a light snow was falling giving an air of Christmas and winter to the night.

We returned to the mayor's home on Lakeside Drive for a nightcap. In those days a number of the members of council enjoyed a drink or two – or three or four or more. The sober councils of today are a lot different from those of the old days.

Suddenly two neighbors walked in asking if anyone had a green Valiant parked outside. I had. They informed me that someone backed into the car, denting its fender and had left the scene. We all went out and took a look and sure enough, my fender was dented. The two led me on about my car being damaged by a hit and run driver for a long time but finally admitted that a guest at one of their homes had backed out of the drive while we were in church and left me their insurance information. Eventually I became fast friends with these two neighbors who enjoyed playing practical jokes, Leo Davis and George Neumann.

### Tour of the City

On Monday I got my first real tour of the city. A lot has changed since then. The widening of Greenbelt Road into a divided four lanes was just being completed. Kenilworth Avenue ended as a divided four-lane road just north of Greenbelt Road where a temporary roadway carried traffic over to Edmonston Road. That temporary road is now used by Springhill Lake residents wanting to get onto Kenilworth southbound. Edmonston Road intersected with Crescent and then extended northward along its present route.

The Beltway had not been built then but construction had begun. Buddy took me in his Jeep with a fabric top up a gravel farm drive off Edmonston Road. As we crested a hill, we came upon a big hole in the ground. There workmen were erecting the concrete supports for the Kenilworth Avenue bridge over the Beltway.

A little distance away, another road leading to the west off Edmonston was being built. It was Springhill Drive. Back in the woods, the first Springhill Lake apartment buildings were being built.

Developers were trying to build a regional shopping center in Greenbelt. Three sites were being proposed and approval sought. One location is now the Golden Triangle office park. A second would have been at the corner of Crescent Road and Ridge Road occupying much of what is now park land and Boxwood Village. Sidney Brown however had the inside track in the race with the Beltway Plaza, which was to be the first enclosed regional mall in the metropolitan Washington area. His advantage was that his land was already zoned to permit a shopping center. However it would be many years before an enclosed mall was built.

When I first saw Beltway Plaza, there was a small row of stores anchored by an A&P food store at one end and a drug store at the other. This is the row of store fronts where Giant Food is, although the original grocery store has been replaced by a much larger one.

The rest of the shopping mall site was barren ground. At the east end was a steep hill up which ran a construction road. At the top was another hole in the ground in which concrete was being poured. That was the start of construction for the S. Klein of New York department store. The next week, while I was back home, a dirt wall collapsed and five workmen were killed.

### Another Hill

Buddy took me on another trail into the woods off Edmonston Road. It went up a hill where there was an open clearing with a few headstones. This was the Greenbelt Cemetery operated by the city. It is still in use with new and improved access off of Ivy Lane west of Kenilworth.

Boxwood Village, Lakeside North, Charlestowne Village, Charlestowne North and the Golden Triangle were all undeveloped. A derelict building off Greenbelt Road where the Pepco substation at the Golden Triangle now is was all that remained of Toaping Castle, the family home of the pioneer

Walker family whose early members served in the Revolutionary War.

The homes on original Lakeside had been built for the most part. At the end of the road away from Crescent an extension was being constructed but was then a sea of mud. Along this new road and one leading off of it (the future Maplewood Court) houses were under construction. This was the new Lakeside being constructed by Charles Bresler and Burton Reiner. The city would have many an encounter with Bresler over the following years about development issues.

None of the development now there existed in Greenbelt East when I arrived. Goddard Space Center was surrounded by woodland. Where Eleanor Roosevelt High School now exists, there was an abandoned sand and gravel quarry. Where Hanover Parkway now exists south of Greenbelt Road there was an abandoned airport.

### First Meeting

Monday night was the first formal council meeting I attended. The city offices were then located on the second floor of the Roosevelt Center building over what is now a mini mart on the left side of the mall as you face the Mother and Child statue. At the top of the stairway was a large room surrounded by smaller offices. One was my office. Others were used by the police department and it was not unusual for the police to drag an offender into the room on the way to their office while a meeting was taking place. Also, people would come to talk to the police dispatcher while meetings occurred. The council and staff gathered around a large table. That table is still in use in a Municipal Building meeting room.

I remember little about the meeting. There were only a few in the audience, but Champion told me later that three women there had come to check me out and that they were very influential in the town. I don't remember what was on the agenda, but I do remember the council arguing about what to

do on a minor matter until I suggested that they let me handle it.

The rest of my first week in Greenbelt was spent getting acquainted and finding out what was going on. It was, as I recall, uneventful. Friday night I left for home in Wisconsin. While there was I-270, there was no Beltway and all routes west across Montgomery County were slow and circuitous. After Frederick, I had to take US 40 over the mountains. Being the Friday before Christmas, the roads were jammed with federal workers headed home for the holidays. It took forever and a day to get through Hagerstown on its narrow street with numerous stop lights.

While anxious to get home for the holidays and my one-week vacation after one week of work, I also looked forward to my return and facing the many challenges that Greenbelt offered its new city manager.

## School Board Meets

The following meetings are being held in the Sasscer Administration Building, 14201 School Lane, Upper Marlboro. All meetings are open to the public; however, there will be no public participation.

### Budget Committee

On Monday, December 19 at 6 p.m. the Finance, Audit and Budget Committee of the Prince George's County School Board will meet in the Board Executive Meeting Room. For more information call Sharon Mach, 301-952-6129.

### Technology Committee

The Prince George's County School Board's Technology Committee will meet on Monday, December 19 at 5 p.m. in the Board Executive Meeting Room. For more information call Cheryl Landis at 301-952-6308.

### Master Plan

The Prince George's County school board's Master Plan Committee will meet on Tuesday, December 20 at 5:30 p.m. in the CEO's Conference Room. For more information call Amber Wilson, 301-952-6239.

## Patuxent Refuge Reduces Hours

Patuxent Refuge Manager Brad Knudsen has announced changes in public hours and visitor services programs to meet recent staffing and budget limitations. The refuge will continue to be closed on all federal holidays, a savings strategy adopted in the past year at the National Wildlife Visitor Center and the Refuge North Tract.

Patuxent's North Tract will be open daily, year round, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The National Wildlife Visitor Center hours will be 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily from December through February. Regular hours from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. will resume from March through November. Bird watchers and hikers will still be able to use the trails near the National Wildlife Visitor Center early mornings after sunrise but the grounds will close when the Visitor Center closes, as is currently the case.

The National Wildlife Visitor Center is located off Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Md. Rt. 197, south of Laurel. The Patuxent Research Refuge North Tract entrance is located off Md. Rt. 198 between the Baltimore/Washington Parkway and Md. Rt. 32 east of Laurel. For information visit <http://patuxent.fw.gov>.

## Holiday Evenings At Botanic Garden

The United States Botanic Garden Conservatory is a special place in the evenings. For the holiday season it is open until 8 p.m. on Thursdays. Spend a few hours with family exploring the holiday exhibit featuring new plant varieties and a garden train exhibit. On December 22, James Dronenburg will provide musical entertainment.

## CARES Welcomes Brian Livelsverger

Brian Livelsverger has joined CARES as a new crisis intervention counselor. He began volunteering for CARES in May of 2004 while a marriage and family student at the University of Maryland. He is currently working on his thesis investigating the effects of an Afrocentric home environment on preschoolers' social skills.

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# POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.  
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

### Robberies

November 30, 12:05 a.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, a man reported that he was walking to a residence when he was approached by another man who displayed a handgun and announced a robbery. The victim ran from the scene. There is no definitive description of the suspect.

December 1, 10:07 p.m., 6400 block Ivy Lane, a man reported that he parked his vehicle in the parking lot of the Marriott Hotel and as he got out of his vehicle he was approached by another man. The suspect began asking the victim a question, standing only a few inches from him. Believing he was about to be robbed, the man punched the suspect in the face. The suspect displayed a handgun and ordered the man back into the driver's seat of his vehicle; the suspect got into the back seat. The victim then got out of the vehicle, ran from the scene and called police. The suspect also fled the scene, taking the victim's car keys with him. The suspect is described as a black male, 25 to 29 years of age, 5'11", 145 pounds, with black hair and brown eyes, wearing a tan jacket with a hood and a black skull cap.

December 6, 3:38 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road, a robbery victim reported that he was walking home from school when he was jumped from behind by two people who punched him several times, took his cell phone and fled the scene on foot. The victim was treated at a hospital for his injuries. One suspect was wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, jeans and a ski mask.

### Carjacking

December 6, 9:06 p.m., Beltway Plaza, a woman reported that she was sitting in her parked vehicle in the rear parking lot when two men walked up, pulled her from her vehicle, punched her and threw her to the ground. The men then fled the scene in the woman's brown 1982 Datsun 810 4-door, bearing unknown D.C. temporary tags. The victim declined medical treatment. There is no definitive description of the suspects.

### Assault

December 6, 4:41 p.m., 8000 block Mandan Road, a resident woman was arrested and charged with first-degree and second-degree assault. Another woman reported that she and the suspect were involved in a verbal argument when the suspect struck her in the face and threatened her with a knife that was made to resemble a handgun. The suspect was arrested at the scene and was transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### Handgun Arrest

December 5, 3:19 p.m., Eleanor Roosevelt High School, two resident men and one non-resident man were arrested and charged with transporting a handgun in a motor vehicle, trespassing on school property and dis-

ruption of school activities when police responded to a report of a fight in the parking lot of the school. The three men were stopped as they were getting into a vehicle in an attempt to leave the scene; located in the vehicle was a .25-caliber semiautomatic handgun. All three were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

### DWI Arrests

December 2, 9:23 p.m., 6200 block Breezewood Court, a non-resident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence and driving while suspended after police observed him passed out in the driver's seat of a parked vehicle with the engine running. He was released on citations pending trial.

December 4, 2:08 a.m., 4 Court Southway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving under the influence as a result of the investigation of a traffic accident. He was released on citations pending trial.

### Trespass

December 4, 1:36 p.m., Beltway Plaza, two Greenbelt youths were arrested for trespass after they were detained by security officers as shoplifting suspects. Investigation revealed that they had previously been banned from the mall by agents of the property for prior shoplifting incidents. They were released at the request of juvenile services pending action by the juvenile justice system.

### Burglaries

December 2, 11:58 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, it was reported that unknown person(s) entered a residence by forcing open a partially secured sliding glass door. No property appears to have been taken but the apartment was ransacked.

December 4, 4:20 a.m., Greenway Center, a commercial burglary was reported.

### Vehicle Crimes

Five vehicles were stolen: a burgundy 1995 Isuzu Rodeo, Maryland tags M615519 from Greenway Center; a blue 1999 Honda Accord 2-door, Maryland tags KCF499 from the 6900 block Hanover Parkway; a white 1996 Dodge Caravan, Maryland tags 452M795 from the 9000 block Breezewood Terrace; a 2002 Dodge Caravan from the 36 court Ridge Road recovered in Landover the same day and a 2000 Jeep Cherokee from Beltway Plaza recovered in Washington two days later.

Seven stolen vehicles were recovered, four by Greenbelt police and three by other police departments. No arrests were made.

Vandalism to and attempted theft of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Court (two incidents), 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 5800 block Cherrywood Terrace, 6300 block Golden Triangle Drive, 100 block Westway, 6900 block Hanover Parkway and 7800 block Mandan Road.

## Sobriety Checkpoints Yield Results Here

Since July 18, 2003, Greenbelt police have conducted five sobriety checkpoints funded by the National Highway Administration. They were held as part of Checkpoint Strike Force, an annual enforcement effort. The objectives of the campaign are both to deter motorists from driving under the influence of drugs and alcohol and to identify and arrest those who ignore the dangers of getting behind the wheel while impaired.

Over 5,000 vehicles passed through the checkpoints, 22 persons were arrested for driving under the influence, four were arrested for drugs, two were arrested for other reasons and one stolen car was recovered.

For further information call MPO Scott Kaiser at 240-542-2114.

### Update

## Greenbelt East Traffic Calming

City Manager Michael P. McLaughlin has plans to complete the Greenbelt East Traffic Calming project by spring 2006. Work planned for spring includes: construction of concrete traffic medians on Hanover Parkway and Ora Glen Drive; painting of formal crosswalks and stamping of pavement at intersections; construction of two traffic circles on Ora Glen (one at Frankfort, one at Morrison); construction of a traffic circle at Megan and Mathew; construction of four medians on Hanover Parkway and three on Ora Glen Drive; and planting of streetscape trees and bushes on Hanover Parkway. This work is delayed until warmer temperatures because of the sensitive nature of the materials, like concrete, needed to finish the projects.

Forty percent of the total plan will have been completed by the end of 2005. Some key accomplishments are: installation of 15 speed humps and signs alerting motorists to their presence throughout Greenbelt East; construction of an asphalt path for pedestrians between traffic circles on Hanover Parkway; extension of curbs and gutters on traffic circle at Lakes of Greenbelt Village entrance; and relocation of bus stops on Hanover Parkway. The city has spent around \$68,000 or 17 percent of the \$250,000 budget for the project.

## Laurel Holds Kids' Holiday Party

The South Laurel Recreation Council volunteers will hold their annual free children's holiday program on Sunday, December 18 at 7 p.m. in the multi-purpose room of the Deerfield Run Elementary School and Community Center at 12000 Laurel-Bowie Road in Laurel.

The Bob Brown Puppets will present the "Nutcracker Fantasy," followed by a visit from Santa and his friends (teddy bear, snowman, panda and chipmunk). Each child will receive a gift. Admission and parking are free. For further information call 301-776-2805.

### A Review

## Two Singing Groups Wow Audience at Arts Center

by Sandra S. Smith

Two talented a cappella singing groups, the Chromatics and Tonic & Gin provided a delighted audience at the Greenbelt Arts Center on December 12 with an entertaining musical evening.

### The Chromatics

The Chromatics wowed the audience with a blend of Christmas songs, musical stories about space and songs that seemed familiar until the Chromatics gave them a unique twist. Beautiful voices individually came together in even more beautiful harmony. The Chromatics sing a cappella and create not only the melodies but also all of the percussion and sound effects in every number.

The group's opening number, "We Sing," told the audience why we wouldn't like their songs. But we did. More than half of the audience was familiar with the group and awaited their favorites. The "Chromies" went on to sing seasonal selections – "Let it Snow," "White Christmas," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "I'll Be Home for Christmas," the Hanukkah Song and a satirical look at the Day After Christmas. Many of the songs featured solos by one or more group members.

The group also performed its version of the "Love Shack" and the Beach Boys' "Good Vibrations." Of special note, however, are the songs that members of the group have composed. Many teach about space, including the song about nine planets, with different members taking on the part of one or more planets. Mars warrants special attention in another offering.

The Chromatics write and deliver astronomically correct songs about space and one of their several CDs features lessons, games, videos and more to interest students and teachers in math and science.

The group had its roots with employees at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center, where it was formed more than 10 years ago. The sextet now consists of Musical Director Padi Boyd, Barry Mahaffey, John Meyer, Deb Nixon, Alan Smale and Karen Smale. They move around the stage easily and engage each other, and sometimes the audience, in entertaining banter. They claim to have decorated the set with holiday decorations from their own attics. Whatever, the result was a pleasant backdrop.

The group members are color-

coded, with each singer wearing a different color of the rainbow. They opened the show, introduced Tonic and Gin, another a cappella group that shared the bill and ended the concert with another set. After the show, they mixed, mingled and served cake to the audience – all in all, an outstanding concert by a very versatile group. For more about the Chromatics, who perform in this area at many types of venues, check out their website at <http://www.thechromatics.com>.

### Tonic & Gin

In a welcome feast of a cappella performances, the Chromatics were joined by Tonic & Gin. They're a newer group, just about a year and a half old, but also very talented and well prepared to entertain. The group of four women and two men sang Christmas songs, including "Silent Night," "Do You Hear What I Hear?," a beautiful rendition of "Carol of the Bells" and a sprightly version of "Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer."

Tonic & Gin complained about singing a "mundane, repetitive" but popular Christmas song and managed to weave in almost every other Christmas song – while leaving out a few days here and there – into the "12 Days of Christmas." Like the Chromatics, Tonic & Gin make the songs their own in both the words and melodies with intriguing and complex harmonies.

Tonic and Gin's members are Alison French, Carrie Nixon, Rachele Cooper, Erika Ettin, Jeff Hamilton and Ben Olinsky. Most sang in a cappella groups in college and now perform all around the D.C. metro area. They have a website at <http://www.tonicandgin.com/>.

## City Notes

The horticulture crew assisted with snow removal on sidewalks and walkways during the storms, removed a hazardous tree from the cable TV wire on Ridge Road and removed salt from landscaped beds. They also pulled summer annuals on Hanover Parkway and cleaned landscaping at the post office and the aquatic center.

The refuse and recycling crew members collected 12.88 tons of paper, 3.96 tons of co-mingled recyclable materials and 35.02 tons of refuse.

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# Digital Cameras Encourage Children to Point and Shoot

Part of the pleasure of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival is the many ways that citizens can get involved in the fun. Children and adults have always participated in the photography contests in big numbers. This past year, and perhaps due to the efficiency of digital photography, there seemed to be even more participation. That was particularly the case in the entries submitted by children. Below is a listing of those children who won prizes in this year’s contest.

## 2005 Photo Show Winners

- Category – Flowers  
1st place – Maria Beckert for “Smell Good”  
2nd & 3rd place – Cody Pixley for “Mom’s Flowers” and “Beautiful Flower”
- Category – Landscapes  
1st place – David Gardner for “Cattails Over the Water”
- Category – Landscapes – Sunrise/Sunset  
1st place and 4th place – Caitlin Cummings for “Foam on the Water” and “Reflections”  
2nd place – Kevin Murphy for “Sunset Ocean City”  
3rd place – Lisa Donn for “Untitled”
- Category – My Greenbelt  
1st place – David Gardner for “Statue of Greenbelt”
- Category – People  
1st & 2nd place – Kaylena Caudill for “Kanesha” and “Kanesha & J.J. & then there was baby”
- Category – People – Children  
1st place – Clara Beckert for “Maria in Front of Shed”  
2nd place – Kellie Achsletter for “Munching on Chocolate Cupcake”  
3rd place – Scott Candey for “Jackson and Evan on Slide”
- Category – Pets  
1st place – Clara Beckert for “Mommy Holding Scampi”  
2nd place – Scott Candey for “Trevor’s Puppy”  
3rd place – Maria Beckert for “Scampi”
- Category – Proud America  
1st place and 3rd place – Liza Ellis for “Flag” and “White House”  
2nd place – Lisa Donn for “Untitled”
- Category – Travel  
1st place – Kellie Achsletter for “Caesar at Las Vegas”
- Category – Wild Animals and Nature  
1st place – Kevin Murphy for “Spider in My Window”



Photo show winners in the Labor Day Photo Contest, Children’s category: Scott Candey, Clara Beckert, Caitlin Cummings, David Gardner, Cody Pixley and Maria Beckert.



Tatiana Ruksak-riskul, age 15 months, points out her favorite picture in the photo show to her mother Laura Holman.

Photos by  
Jon Gardner

A listing of adult winners can be found on page 12.

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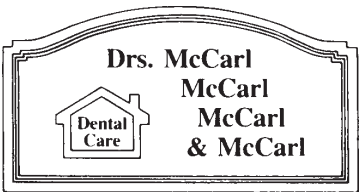


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## Rh Negative Blood Critically Needed

The Greater Chesapeake & Potomac (GC&P) Blood Services Region of the American Red Cross has issued a critical call for blood donors with Rh negative blood types. A decline in blood donor appointments as the holidays approach, coupled with challenges faced during last week's snow, has caused inventory of Type O negative, Type B negative and Type A negative blood to drop to levels far below ideal. Donors are needed immediately to replenish the local blood supply and help ensure that shipments to hospitals can continue on a daily basis.

Appointments are available at all Red Cross Donor Centers and community blood drives and can be scheduled by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE. Platelet donors are also needed and appointments are available by calling 1-800-272-2123.

The public is asked to respond immediately to this need by calling 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to donate blood at any Red Cross community blood drive or Donor Center. As a special token of appreciation, they are offering participants a limited-edition "Authentic Lifesaver" T-shirt. Further information about donating blood, as well as a listing of all American Red Cross blood Donor Centers and community blood drives, is available by logging on to [www.my-redcross.org](http://www.my-redcross.org).

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Donors must be in generally good health, be at least 17 years of age (or in the state of Maryland only 16 years of age with parental consent), weigh over 110 pounds, not have received a tattoo within the past year nor donated whole blood within the past 56 days.

## Juried Exhibition Opens at Montpelier

The Montpelier Arts Center presents the Patuxent Art League's 15th Annual Open Juried Art Exhibition in the Main Gallery through December 28.

This year's juror is watercolor artist David Daniels, who teaches at Montgomery College, the Smithsonian and privately in his studio. Daniels will give a gallery talk during the reception.

The Patuxent Art League Exhibition is open to all artists over 18 years of age who live in Maryland, Northern Virginia or the District of Columbia. Participating artists work in all media and represent the diversity of artwork being created in this area. The Montpelier Arts Center's galleries are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., seven days a week.

For more information call 301-953-1993 or 410-792-0664, TTY 301-490-2329.

## Puppets Perform In Mount Rainier

The Mt. Rainier Puppet Theater presents "'Twas the Night Before Christmas" on Saturday, December 17 from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the Mt. Rainier Nature and Recreation Center, 4701 31st Place, Mt. Rainier. Reservations are required for this free program. All ages are welcome. For information call 301-927-2163; TTY 301-699-2544.

## Host Families Share American Culture

Pacific Intercultural Exchange (PIE) is looking for caring families to host high school students from various countries for the 2006 spring semester. PIE asks local families to consider showing one of these foreign teens what American generosity is all about. Students from Brazil, Germany, South Korea and Norway have been staying with area families since August. Now a new group of international students would like to join the community from January to June.

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All the students are pre-screened – they speak English, have medical insurance and have their own spending money for incidental costs.

Those interested in hosting a student should call 800-631-1818. Experience is not necessary; an orientation and support will be provided.

## Experience History At Laurel Mansion

Children ages 9 through 12, will experience a 19th century holiday at a fun, hands-on workshop on Saturday, December 17 from 10 a.m. to noon at Montpelier Mansion in Laurel. Make an old-fashioned tree decoration, play old-time parlor games and learn an English country dance. Reservations are required. An adult must accompany children. Montpelier Mansion is located at Rt. 197 and Muirkirk Road, Laurel. For information call 301-953-1376; TTY 301-699-2544.

## Hospital Seeks 4-Wheel Drivers

Doctors Community Hospital is seeking volunteers interested in providing rides for hospital employees should a snowstorm this winter make roads difficult or impassable. People with 4-wheel drive vehicles are asked to register with the hospital before the inclement weather arrives.

Anyone interested in providing assistance should call Nancy Haupt, director of Environment of Care at 301-552-8026 to register. The hospital's snow-ride program has been very successful in the past, thanks to the volunteer drivers who have helped. Thanks to bad-weather driving volunteers, the hospital has always been able to provide continued patient care during weather emergencies.

For more information call Doctors' Community Relations office at 301-552-8060.

## Trains and Planes

Train and plane enthusiasts have the best of both worlds between Saturday, December 17 and Friday, December 23 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the College Park Aviation Museum, 1985 Cpl. Frank Scott Drive. See the running model train exhibit while visiting the aviation museum. All ages are welcome. There is a fee. For more information call 301-864-6029; TTY 301-864-4765 or visit [www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com](http://www.collegeparkaviationmuseum.com).

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### Berwyn Heights

Brick rancher on large lot with 30’ sunroom, 30’ workshop, 2 fireplaces, double carport & large deck. New hwh & dishwasher. \$384,500

### Boxwood Village

Two-story addition with arched window and skylights. Large office downstairs with widows on 3 sides. Remodeled kitchen. \$439,900

### Greenbrook

Beautiful townhome in move-in condition. Garage, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, walk-o. bsmt. & breakfast area overlooking woodlands. \$355,000

### Three Bedrooms

Renovated GHI townhome with new kitchen, fresh paint, new carpeting in the bedrooms, fenced backyard patio & more. A bargain at \$174,900

### All Brick Townhome

This 2 bedroom home has central air and heating; a rarity for GHI! Thousands in recent upgrades, including new kitchen. Nice! \$279,900

### Frame Townhome

Great value in this 2 bedroom GHI home. Two bedrooms and two full levels. Lots of improvements at a bargain price! Just \$163,500.

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### Corner lot with addition

GHI frame townhome with one of the largest yards in GHI. Boiler room addition has full bath and forced-air heating & cooling. \$214,990

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Get this single-family home for the price of a townhome; and NO extra HOA fees! Four bedrooms and two full baths. Don’t miss! \$279,900

### Charlestown Village

Two bedroom condominium on one level with a walk-out entrance. No Stairs! Close to Greenbelt Lake. Washer & Dryer Incl. \$180,000 SOLD

### Backs To Woodlands

Three bedroom GHI townhome with addition and wooded backyard that overlooks Parcel One with lots trees and wildlife. \$199,900 U.C.

### Three Bedroom Townhome

Refinished oak hardwood flooring on both levels. Front porch addition with sliding glass doors. Across from large park & play area. \$174,900

### Two Bedroom Townhome With Addition

GHI Townhome - Two bedroom frame unit with addition & extra half bath on the main level. Large fenced backyard & patio. \$227,000 SOLD

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# And Still More Parade Winners



PHOTO BY FRANK KAYSER

The Sity Stars wowed their audiences with bodacious stunts.



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The Roosevelt Poms kicked high for "Best in Parade."

PHOTO BY JON GARDNER

Maryland National-Capital Park & Planning Commission's mounted police strut their stuff.



PHOTO BY FRANK KAYSER



The city's Rescue Vehicle took first place in the Fire/Emergency Vehicle category. Clean and shiny, the vehicle left the next day for down and dirty work in New Orleans.

PHOTO BY FRANK KAYSER

Reminiscent of much warmer times, residents of Greenbelt turned out in big numbers to participate in and to watch the 2005 Labor Day Festival. Here are a few more photographs of some of the winning parade entries.

At left, this Model T which escorted Friends of the Greenbelt Museum took first place in the automotive category.

## 2005 Photo Show Winners

Residents in Greenbelt came out in big numbers to enter their favorite photographs in the 2005 Labor Day Festival Photography Contest. Below is a listing of the adult winners.

### Category – Buildings and Architecture

- 1st place – Diane Tuckman for "The Mannequin Shop – Paris"
- 2nd place – Rachel Mirsky for "Ca'd' Fan, Sarasota, Florida"
- 3rd place – Brian Choper for "Power (Kinsva Dam)"
- 4th place – Leslie Primack for "Verrazano Bridge"

### Category – Flowers

- 1st place & 2nd place – Robert Bassett for "Morning Lily" and "Untitled"
- 3rd place – Ron E. Wilder for "Sunflowers 4"
- 4th place – Erin Donn for "Sunflower"

### Category – Landscapes

- 1st place – Cynthia Cummings for "Shenandoah"
- 2nd place – Rita Sayer for "The Impending Storm"
- 3rd place – Joan Conway for "Summer Respite, Bealsville, Maryland"
- 4th place – Rosalyn Alleman for "A Yellow Wood"

### Category – Landscapes – Sunrise/Sunset

- 1st place – Jeffrey Jones for "Sunrise at Beaverdam Creek"
- 2nd place – Lyu Miller for "Phantom Ship – Crater Lake National Park"
- 3rd place – Stephen Holder for "Foggy Sunrise"
- 4th place – Bernadette Murphy for "Beach Sunrise"

### Category – My Greenbelt

- 1st place – Rosalyn Alleman for "January in Old Greenbelt"
- 2nd place – Margaret Smith for "Morning Has Broken"
- 3rd place – Michelle Pixley for "A Walk in the Park"
- 4th place – Tom Payne for "Autumn Gold"

### Category – Adults and Families

- 1st place – Jacqueline Willoughby for "Gaia, Earth Goddess"
- 2nd place – Colette Zanin for "Untitled"
- 3rd place – Nyssa Cummings for "Starbucks in the Space Needle"
- 4th place – Janet Mirsky for "Saltwater"

### Category – People – Children

- 1st place – Maria Parker for "Pondering"
- 2nd place – Kimberlee Burke for "Sweet Pea"
- 3rd place – Nyssa Cummings for "Starbucks in the Space Needle"
- 4th place – Janet Mirsky for "Saltwater Cowboy"

### Category – Children

- 1st place – Maria Parker for "Pondering"
- 2nd place – Kimberlee Burke for "Sweet Pea"
- 3rd place – Michael Yang for "Tiffany Elaine"
- 4th place – Maria Parker for "Firefighter"

### Category – Pets

- 1st place – Rich Renomeron for "Kitten Siesta"
- 2nd place – Leslie Primack for "Cats in Provence"
- 3rd place – Jay Remenick for "Jake Fetch"
- 4th place – Rachel Mirsky for "Max, Bitsy & Molly"

### Category – Proud America

- 1st place – Barbara Davis for "All Join Hands"
- 2nd place – Jordan Choper for "Baltimore Harbor"

### Category – Sports/Photo Journalism

- 1st place – David Schuman for "Pre-dawn Launch of Space Shuttle Columbia"
- 2nd place – Steven Mirsky for "Chincoteague Pony Swim 2005"
- 3rd place – Wendi Lilly for "Boys of Summer"
- 4th place – Marty Parker for "Walking on Water"

### Category – Still Life

- 1st place – Double D Pictures for "Untitled"
- 2nd place – David T. Pitts for "Bruno"
- 3rd place – Colette Zanin for "Untitled"
- 4th place – Agnes Conaty for "Autumn Leaf"

### Category – Those Who Serve and Protect Us

- 1st place – Jon Gardner for "Fighting Fires"
- 2nd place – Russell M. Caudill for "Local Heroes"
- 3rd place – Ron E. Wilder for "Lest We Forget"

### Category – Travel

- 1st place – Cynthia Cummings for "Car Broke Down" (Roan Cliffs, Utah)
- 2nd place – Cindy Donn for "Lone Cypress"
- 3rd place – David Schuman for "Mount McKinley Expedition Aircraft"
- 4th place – Amy Hansen for "New Orleans Mystique"

### Category – Wild Animals & Nature

- 1st place – Stephen Jascourt for "Two Tornadoes in Nebraska, May 22, 2004"
- 2nd place – Stephen Holder for "Wading Bird"
- 3rd place – Jeffrey Jones for "Great Blue Heron Family"
- 4th place – Stanley R. Zirkin for "Galapagos Island Birds"

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